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The Honorable Elaine Chao  
US Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington DC 20590

**RE: POIPU ROAD SAFETY AND MOBILITY PROJECT – County of Kauai BUILD Application**

Dear Secretary Chao:

The Koloa Community Association represents residents of Koloa and Poipu and provides input on plans and projects that impact our community. I strongly support the County of Kauai's BUILD application for the Poipu Road Safety and Mobility Project.

Members of the Koloa Community Association participated in the Poipu Road Design Charrette in 2013. Since then, we were actively involved in the South Kauai Community Plan, and more recently, the Koloa Community Association hosted a meeting to review the conceptual engineering plans for this project earlier this year.

This project will have many benefits for our residents. It will make it safer to walk, bike, drive, or take transit in Koloa and Poipu. This is especially important for students who may wish to walk or bike to Koloa School, and residents who are unable to drive. For residents who work in the visitor industry in Koloa and Poipu, it will make it easier for them to get to and from work. This project will also support our economy, which has been devastated by COVID-19, and will be a catalyst to provide more workforce housing, which is in extremely short supply.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project for the safety, health, and well-being of our community.

Sincerely,

Jeri Di Pietro, President  
Koloa Community Association